

As this committee and panel begin to undertake, gather and act on what I believe to be an extremely important piece of legislation, I ask that you not only listen with open ears but with an open conscience leaving all politics, ideology and demagoguery at the door.

I ask this of everyone because I believe HR 25 is not about politics. It's about reform... reform to a system that penalizes productivity, creativity, investment and capital. A system such as this in my strong opinion is **BROKEN**. Politicians in Washington talk about reform but no one besides a few have taken up the challenge to offer concrete ideas to transform this country into the great nation it has been known to become.

I believe that HR 25 (Fair tax) can begin to transform this country and bring back the prosperity that I believe we've lost. People around the world who come to this country know that with hard work and perseverance that you can truly live the American dream.

If the USA wants to continue being that "beacon on the hill" for prosperity, and wants to continue showing the world why it is a great country, it will employ an innovative form of taxation. One that rewards hard work and doesn't penalize it. I have followed the Fair Tax issue for some time and believe it is America's next economic boom!

I say these words not as a Democrat or Republican, not as a Conservative or a Liberal and not even as an American citizen. I am a Permanent Resident with a Canadian citizenship. However, I will one day be an American citizen but currently am thinking about my wife and 3 children (all of whom are American) of why I think this legislation is important.

Respectfully,

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